

Gunmen kill Senator Ama Iwuagwu's dad

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DR. Ebenezer Iwuagwu, father of late Senator Ama Iwuagwu was at the weekend shot dead by unknown gun men.

Dr. Iwuagwu, a retired permanent secretary in Imo State was reportedly returning to his country home in Umuchimanwere Obazu Mbieri in Mbaitolu Local Government Area when the gun men believed to be on his trail fired him in his car just close to his village. He reportedly died on the way while he was being rushed to the hospital.

Details of the incident were still sketchy at press time. But preliminary report said he was shot

in his car by the gun men operating on a motorcycle around 8 p.m. One account said the gun men were armed robbers but another said they were hired killers and Dr. Iwuagwu an octogenarian may have been a victim of mistaken identity. His car was not snatched by the gang even as his driver was not attacked according to this opinion.

It was further gathered that the deplorable Obazu road is a danger zone for travelers especially in the night as all manners of criminal prowl on the area.

Meanwhile, the body of the octogenarian noted for his humour has been deposited at the mortuary while the police are presently

combing the area to fish out his killers. When contacted yesterday on telephone, State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Aloysius Okorie told Daily Champion that he was in Abuja but promised to reach out to his men.

The late Dr. Iwuagwu studied in London up to PhD level before returning to Nigeria to join the civil service. He retired as a permanent secretary in one of the ministries. His son, Ama an orator was elected senator for Owerri Zone in 2003. He died in 2005. Mr. Eze Ajoku completed his tenure as senator for Owerri zone after winning the by-election conducted by Independent National Electoral Commission for the vacant seat.